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STATE FOR CU/IVP/V: CU/AF

AGENCY FOR IAA/DAWSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC, NI

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITORS

REF: (A)STATE 180068 (B) LAGOS 7065 (C) LAGOS 7211

1. WE FIND DEPTS CHARACTERIZATION OF PROPOSED VISIT (PURELY COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION) FALLACIOUS: SHOWING LACK OF APPRECIATION FOR POST PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. IT SEEMS OBVIOUS TO US THAT PROJECT SUPPORTS CPP OBJECTIVE V (AWARENESS BLACK CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS) AS WELL AS CU OBJECTIVES. SEEKING AMERICANS RATHER THAN SOME OTHER NATIONALITY SHOWS RECOGNITION OF RELEVANCE OF BLACK AMERICAN EXPERIENCE TO NIGERIAN CULTURE. WE HAVE MUCH TO GAIN IN TERMS OF FUTURE PROGRAMMING POSSIBILITIES AT MAJOR CULTURAL FACILITY BECAUSE OF ENHANCED RELATIONSHIP WITH CALABAR BOARD. ALSO BASIS FOR FUTURE CULTURAL EXCHANGES WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS CALABAR CENTER, ONCE OPERATIONAL, WILL CONTINUE LOOK TO U.S. FOR TALENT AND CERTAINLY LIKELY TO SEEK U.S. TOUR FOR ITS DANCERS. THUS ONGOING CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS WOULD BE BUILT.

2. IF PROJECT WAS COMMERCIAL - WHICH IT IS NOT - IT STILL WOULD FIT POST OBJECTIVE II (ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL TIES) AND COMPLEMENT OTHER CU PROJECTS WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED IN THIS SECTOR.

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3. TO TELL GROUP AT THIS DATE THAT NOTHING CAN BE DONE FOR THEM

WOULD BE EMBARRASSING AT BEST AND DETRIMENTAL
TO POST
PROGRAM. THEREFORE STRONGLY URGE DEPARTMENT TO RECONSIDER ITS
POSITION AND VIEW THIS AS OPPORTUNITY INCREASE CULTURAL TIES
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES.

4. FOR AGENCY: IF POSITIVE REPLY NOT FORTHCOMING FROM
CU/IVP, REQUEST AGENCY EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES ASSIT.

5. WILL COMMUNICATE FINAL U.S. ARRIVAL PLANS ASAP.
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